## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 495**

## By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Kayla Renae Wood, 2017 Valedictorian of Maryville Christian School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Kayla Renae Wood is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2017 graduating class at Maryville Christian School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Wood achieved outstanding academic success and joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Kayla Wood earned an exemplary grade point average while participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including choir; National Honor Society; and Student Council, which she served as president, vice president, and secretary; and

WHEREAS, excelling outside the classroom, Ms. Wood played softball as well as club and high school soccer, and she earned the Best Offensive Player Award in soccer her freshman year; and

WHEREAS, she served as a correspondent for *The Daily Times*, and she was a group leader who participated in a senior year mission trip to Guatemala; and

WHEREAS, her display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success as a student at Lipscomb University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wood's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, David and Kim Wood, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Kayla Wood's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of the members of this General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2017 Maryville Christian School Valedictorian, Kayla Renae Wood, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.